CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May/Summer 2024

Old-Fashioned Fun and Games

More than just flowers, May brings *Old-Fashioned Fun and Games* back to the Flavel House grounds. Join us Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, for two days of free revelry. Try your hand at our carnival games, learn the fine art of butter making, and definitely eat some ice cream. Visitors can play Victorian-era sports like croquet or badminton and show their competitive side in our sack race or pie eating contest. Youth who complete a most of the scheduled activities will receive a fabulous prize! Our cash-only concession stand will refuel you for continued fun (and games) at a modest cost. We hope to see everyone there!

This free event is sponsored by Columbia Memorial Hospital Pediatrics

Visitors to *Old-Fashioned Fun and Games* at the Flavel House try out stilts and compete in an egg-and-spoon race

Flavel House Garden Society

Want to hone your gardening skills under the guidance of a master gardener while helping to beautify the Flavel House grounds? Join the Flavel House Garden Society. This all-volunteer group meets every Wednesday in the Flavel House yard.

The Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project Comes to Astoria

Join Historical Archaeologist Chelsea Rose for her talk, "Uncovering Hidden History with the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project (OCDP)," as she discusses the OCDP's findings, their latest discoveries, and where they hope to go next. The OCDP is an award-winning, multi-agency collaboration that promotes the research and education of early Chinese Oregonians. The project has investigated railroad and mining camps, Chinatowns, and small communities and is now turning its attention to Chinese American history and heritage in other parts of the state. Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm, in the Astoria Public Library Flag Room.

Supported by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Chelsea Rose excavating in the footprint of a former building from the historic John Day Chinatown at the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site.

OCDP OREGON CHINESE DIASPORA PROJECT

Archaeologists with the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project excavating a Chinese American cabin at the Ah Yee mining site in eastern Oregon

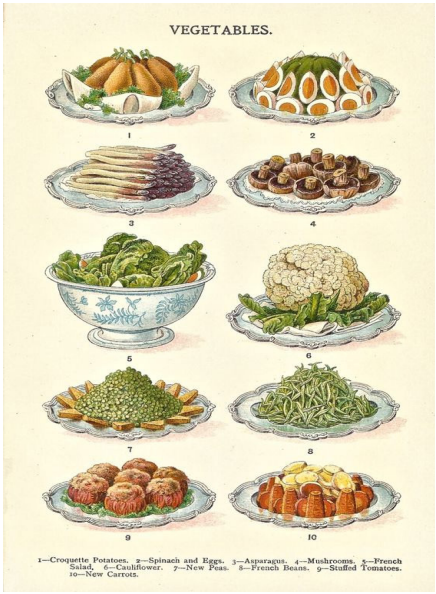
Curator's Corner

by Dr. Chelsea K. Vaughn, Curator

One of my favorite things about the Flavel House Museum is that it offers multiple ways for visitors to engage with the history of the Flavel family and the Victorian era. Self-guided tours allow our guests to choose what parts of this past they want to learn more about. Years of diligent research by staff and volunteers along with generous donations of period furnishings from the local community have ensured that the Flavel House has plenty to offer our guests whatever their interests.

As curator, I have tried to continue this tradition by adding new layers of interest to the home's interiors and new stories to the interpretation. Most recently, this has involved food and what the Flavels might have eaten. The diaries left by oldest daughter Nellie Flavel offer some clues, while period cookbooks fill in the missing pieces. It is from these sources that I was able recently to add a food scene to the house's dining room. Based upon a suggested menu from Isabella Beeton's *Book of Household Management* (1861), the Flavels now have a casual, family meal of stuffed tomatoes, cauliflower *au gratin*, and fowl *à la* mayonnaise.

The fowl *à la* mayonnaise, in Beeton's version, is first boiled (a common cooking method for poultry during the Flavel's time), then dressed in a mayonnaise sauce and garnished with lettuce and hard-boiled egg slices.


VEGETABLES.
1—Croquette Potatoes. 2—Spinach and Eggs. 3—Asparagus. 4—Mushrooms. 5—French Salad. 6—Cauliflower. 7—New Peas. 8—French Beans. 9—Stuffed Tomatoes. 10—New Carrots.

A color plate from the *Book of Household Management* (1861) depicting vegetable dishes including stuffed tomatoes.

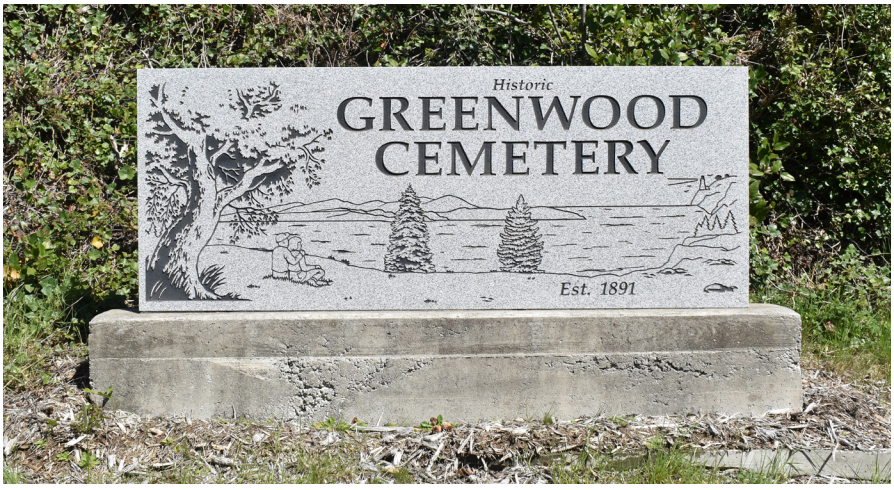
Mother's Day on a Saturday

Make Mother's Day a full-weekend affair with *Mother's Day Tea and Scones* in the Flavel House Museum dining room on Saturday, May 13th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Guests will be treated to hot tea with all the regular accompaniments, fresh scones, and other teatime favorites.

$15.00 per person or $10.00 for CCHS members, price includes admission to the Flavel House Museum.

Call 503-325-2203 for more information and to make a reservation.

Sponsored by the Stemper Family.



Entrance to the historic Greenwood Cemetery

Thursday Night Talks

Join Michael Leamy who, along with his wife Lynda, has been the caretaker of Greenwood Cemetery just south of Astoria for over forty years. Michael sees Greenwood as "the archive of the life stories of thousands of people who lived, labored, and died in the Pacific Northwest." He has captured many of these stories in his book Between the Dates, Echoes from the Silent City that is Greenwood, and will be sharing a few of his favorites for our May TNT.

Doors open at 6. Talk begins at 7.

Digital Archive News

by Julie Burpee, Digital Archivist

Check out our Digital Collections. Use the QR Code or the web address below:

https://archive.org/details/clatsopcountyhistoricalsociety

Our CCHS Internet Archive account now has over 3500 items! When you browse through these amazing resources, I want you to know that it's not just me, your humble Digital Archivist, doing all this work. Many of those items were scanned, scribed and/or uploaded by our Archive Volunteers. These volunteers work tirelessly to photograph each page and scan each image so that our historical resources can be viewed around the world. Please take a moment to thank an Archive volunteer when you meet one! Our Internet Archive collection would not be as large or as varied without the extraordinary work of our volunteers!

Volunteer Adam De Prez works with special equipment to prepare materials for uploading to the Internet Archive.

Volunteer Michael Wentworth has been digitizing our collections for more than 15 years.

Filming the opening scene of *The Goonies* outside the longtime Clatsop County Jail, now the site of the Oregon Film Museum.

The Goonies Turns 39!

Celebrate 39 years of *The Goonies* with the Oregon Film Museum June 7-9. Take our Or*Goon*ian challenge and enjoy fun, *Goonies*-related activities all weekend long.

Sponsored by West Bearing Investments, a division of Ferguson Wellman.

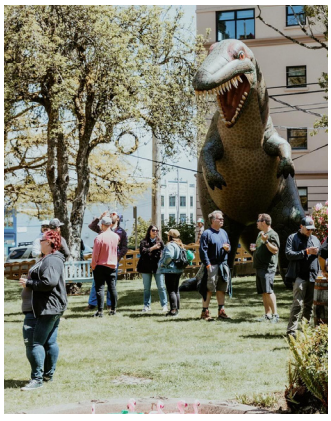
Immigrant Gallery Update

While you are at the Heritage Museum, check out our newest addition to the Immigrant Gallery: the Finnish Socialist Hall. The original Hall stood in Uniontown between 1910 and 1923 and hosted a variety of events including dances and theatrical productions. Our Facilities Manager Matt Powers recreated the façade, while the interior contains photos and text from our popular, past exhibit *Start to Finnish*.

Lupulin Ecstasy Festival

Local brewery Fort George is hosting this annual 3-Way IPA celebration on the Flavel House Museum grounds Saturday, May 25th. The Flavel House and the Oregon Film Museum will be closed to the public for the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit the Fort George website: fortgeorgebrewery.com



A T-rex inflatable stalks guest to last year's Lupulin Ecstasy Festival.

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Upcoming Events

May 9: "Uncovering Hidden History with the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project," presented by Chelsea Rose, Astoria Public Library, 7pm.

May 10: Oregon History Day Teacher's Training.

May 11: Mother's Day Tea, Flavel House, $15.00 per person or $10.00 for CCHS members, Saturday 1 to 4pm.

May 16: TNT with Mike Leamy, "Between the Dates," Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6pm.

May 18-19: Old Fashioned Fun and Games, Flavel House Grounds, 11am to 4pm.

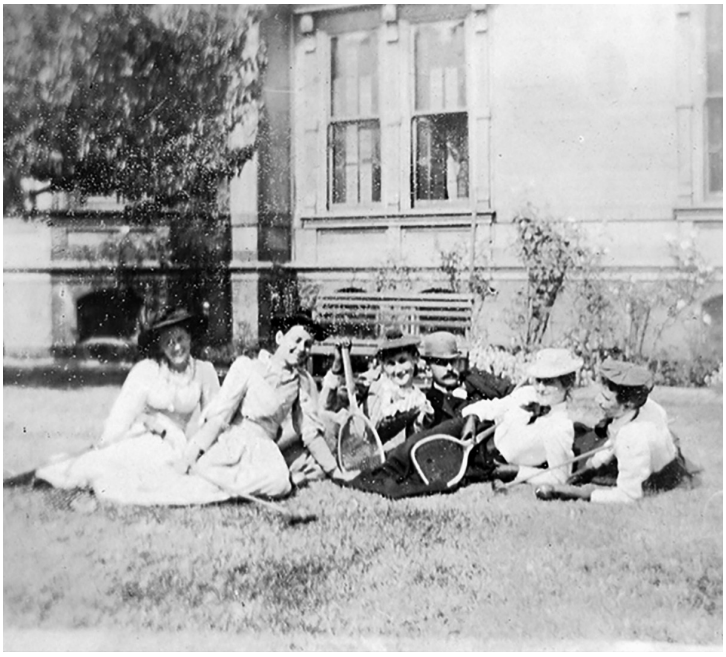
May 25: Fort George Lupulin Ecstasy Festival, Flavel House and Oregon Film Museum closed to the public.

June 7-9: Goonies 39th Anniversary Celebration.

Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8:30-9pm: Mac Burns and Alana Kujala host *An Adventure in History* on KMUN.

Wednesdays at 1pm: Flavel House Garden Society Volunteers meet at the Flavel House Grounds.



Nellie and Katie Flavel with friends on the Flavel House Lawn

The Flavel daughters (pictured above right) rest after a game of lawn tennis with friends. You can show off your own Victorian-era sportsmanship at *Old Fashioned Fun and Games*, May 18-19, 11-4, on the Flavel House Grounds.